



VETERINARIAN'S OATH

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine,

I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills
for the benefit of society through the protection
of animal health, the relief of animal suffering,
the conservation of livestock resources, the
promotion of public health, and the
advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity,
and in keeping with the principles
of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement
of my professional knowledge and competence.

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Professional Activity Analysis AVMA Membership as of September 30, 1991

	US & TERRITORIES	CANADA & FOREIGN	TOTALS
10 Bovine Practice (exclusive)	467	13	480
11 Equine Practice (exclusive)	1,870	48	1,918
12 Porcine Practice (exclusive)	74	1	75
13 Large Animal Practice (all species)	1,471	41	1,512
14 Mixed Practice (predominantly large animal)	4,381	63	4,444
15 Mixed Practice (50-50 Large & Small)	3,353	27	3,380
16 Mixed Practice (predominantly small animal)	5,355	42	5,397
17 Small Animal Practice (exclusive)	22,029	172	22,201
18 Poultry Practice (exclusive)	139	5	144
19 Feline Practice (exclusive)	142	2	144
Sub Total	39,281	414	39,695
20 Anatomy	85	3	88
21 Biochemistry	11	0	11
22 Microbiology	262	11	273
23 Parasitology	65	3	68
24 Pathology	875	26	901
25 Pharmacology	82	4	86
26 Physiology	107	2	109
27 Radiology	130	6	136
28 Toxicology	154	1	155
29 Surgery	426	18	444
80 Pathology, Avian	72	3	75
81 Pathology, Clinical	138	6	144
82 Ophthalmology	129	6	135
83 Nutrition	67	3	70
84 Clinician	290	11	301
85 Theriogenology	127	16	143
86 Anesthesiology	86	8	94
87 Internal Medicine	234	7	241
88 Cardiology	37	1	38
89 Dermatology	70	2	72
90 Neurology	23	2	25
91 Epidemiology	89	5	94
92 Oncology	33	0	33
93 Aquatic	41	1	42
94 Avian Medicine	124	1	125
95 Ethology	7	0	7
Sub Total	3,764	146	3,910
30 Veterinary Public Health	217	7	224
31 Veterinary Preventive Medicine	63	6	69
32 Teaching and Research	463	35	498
36 Regulatory Veterinary Medicine	676	12	688
38 Administrative	169	11	180
41 Laboratory Animal Medicine	693	11	704
42 Wildlife, Zoo & Fur Bearing Animals	253	8	261
43 Extension	56	1	57
44 Diagnostic Veterinary Medicine	160	3	163
45 Industrial Veterinary Medicine	417	10	427
50 Military Veterinary Service	407	1	408
55 Veterinary Technician Educator	53	1	54
60 Other Veterinary Medicine	440	23	463
Sub Total	4,067	129	4,196
70 Retired	2,841	37	2,878
99 Unknown Professional Activity	1,376	26	1,402
TOTALS	51,329	752	52,081

**AVMA Membership by Member Status by State
(As of September 30, 1991)**

State/Province/Other	Active	Dues Exempt (Retired)	Honorary	Honor Roll	Affiliate	Dues Exempt (Hardship)	Associate	Total Members	Non- Member Veterinarian	Student
UNITED STATES AND POSSESSIONS										
Alabama	826	18	0	28	0	2	0	874	258	469
Alaska	125	2	0	0	0	1	0	128	19	2
Arizona	690	23	0	64	0	6	0	783	130	21
Arkansas	419	17	0	28	0	5	0	469	147	23
California	4,503	132	1	220	0	18	0	4,874	911	527
Colorado	1,151	30	1	50	2	7	0	1,241	237	442
Connecticut	572	13	0	31	0	2	0	618	60	13
Delaware	123	3	0	7	0	1	0	134	18	7
District of Columbia	70	1	0	3	0	0	1	75	23	1
Florida	2,423	85	2	177	0	8	2	2,697	419	322
Georgia	1,228	22	0	30	0	2	0	1,282	265	266
Hawaii	166	6	0	8	0	0	0	180	22	4
Idaho	306	14	0	19	0	1	0	340	83	18
Illinois	1,941	39	1	82	1	3	1	2,068	265	339
Indiana	1,085	49	0	49	0	5	0	1,188	198	221
Iowa	1,157	50	0	80	0	4	0	1,291	363	261
Kansas	920	29	0	39	0	0	0	994	224	364
Kentucky	758	11	0	27	0	2	0	798	99	7
Louisiana	721	7	0	17	0	2	0	747	146	229
Maine	247	6	0	11	0	3	0	267	27	2
Maryland	1,225	22	1	46	0	4	1	1,298	228	23
Massachusetts	949	14	0	24	0	3	1	990	124	206
Michigan	1,581	53	0	76	0	4	0	1,714	395	401
Minnesota	1,204	27	0	41	0	6	0	1,278	255	200
Mississippi	397	8	0	16	0	1	0	422	103	180
Missouri	1,161	38	0	47	1	8	0	1,255	259	254
Montana	279	10	0	14	0	2	1	306	64	8
Nebraska	568	15	1	23	0	2	0	609	127	3
Nevada	261	5	0	3	0	0	0	269	34	9
New Hampshire	254	3	0	12	1	1	0	271	29	5
New Jersey	1,132	18	0	49	1	3	0	1,203	151	45
New Mexico	346	7	0	9	0	2	0	364	73	14
New York	2,286	47	1	117	0	7	0	2,458	382	369
North Carolina	1,352	39	0	60	0	4	0	1,455	219	289
North Dakota	139	2	0	6	0	1	0	148	28	10
Ohio	1,818	50	0	79	0	5	0	1,952	365	496
Oklahoma	852	16	0	18	0	4	0	890	227	234
Oregon	712	16	0	36	0	2	0	766	177	85
Pennsylvania	1,877	35	0	85	1	2	0	2,000	316	439
Rhode Island	102	2	0	7	0	0	0	111	14	6
South Carolina	445	17	0	19	0	1	0	482	75	24
South Dakota	244	6	0	9	0	1	0	260	52	2
Tennessee	871	23	0	23	0	3	0	920	156	191
Texas	3,387	81	1	95	1	10	0	3,575	633	473
Utah	241	6	0	6	0	0	0	253	56	9
Vermont	192	7	0	9	0	0	0	208	30	2
Virginia	1,362	25	1	63	1	4	2	1,458	193	235
Washington	1,148	46	0	55	1	6	0	1,256	331	283
West Virginia	197	1	0	7	0	0	0	205	35	10
Wisconsin	1,413	39	1	45	0	5	1	1,504	232	328
Wyoming	158	2	0	6	0	0	0	166	46	10
Total U.S.	47,584	1,237	11	2,075	10	169	8	51,094	9,323	8,381
TOTAL U.S. AND POSSESSIONS	47,813	1,238	11	2,079	10	169	9	51,329	9,385	8,392
CANADA	182	20	0	14	0	1	278	495	3,525	625
OTHER COUNTRIES AND UNKNOWN	148	3	0	8	0	8	90	257	519	22
GRAND TOTALS	48,143	1,261	11	2,101	10	178	377	52,081	13,429	9,039

NUMBER OF VETERINARIANS LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY

United States	
Members	51,031
Non-Members	3,115
Total	54,146
U.S. Territories	
Members	123
Non-Members	10
Total	133
Military Post Office	
Members	112
Non-Members	4
Total	116
Canada	
Members	494
Non-Members	4
Total	498
Other Countries	
Members	257
Non-Members	7
Total	264
Grand Total	55,157

AVMA Professional Activities Summary of Veterinarians Listed in the Directory

The following statistics are based on the 1992 AVMA Directory and are not intended to reflect total veterinary population in the United States or any other country. The total number of veterinarians listed consists of all AVMA members as of September 30, 1991, and those nonmember veterinarians who responded to the 1992 DIRECTORY verification survey by that date.

Total Veterinarians Listed	55,157
Large Animal	4,122
Mixed Practice	13,757
Small Animal	22,920
Preventive Medicine	350
Regulatory Veterinary Medicine	991
Military Veterinary Medicine	422
Other Classes	11,144
Unknown	1,451

Key to Abbreviations for Professional Classifications

The classifications below include the listed professional activities used in the 1992 DIRECTORY.

LA — Large Animal Practice	OC — Other Classes	55 Veterinary Technician
10 Bovine Practice (exclusive)	18 Poultry (exclusive)	Educator
11 Equine Practice (exclusive)	20 Anatomy	66 Other Veterinary Medicine
12 Porcine Practice (exclusive)	21 Biochemistry	70 Retired
13 Large Animal Practice (all species)	22 Microbiology	80 Avian Pathology
	23 Parasitology	81 Clinical Pathology
MP — Mixed Practice	24 Pathology	82 Ophthalmology
14 Mixed Practice (predominantly Large Animal)	25 Pharmacology	83 Nutrition
15 Mixed Practice (50-50 Large & Small)	26 Physiology	84 Clinician
16 Mixed Practice (predominantly Small Animal)	27 Radiology	85 Theriogenology
	28 Toxicology	86 Anesthesiology
SA — Small Animal	29 Surgery	87 Internal Medicine
17 Small Animal Practice (exclusive)	32 Teaching and Research	88 Cardiology
19 Feline (exclusive)	38 Administrative	89 Dermatology
	41 Laboratory Animal Medicine	90 Neurology
PM — Preventive Medicine	42 Wildlife, Zoo and Fur	91 Epidemiology
30 Veterinary Public Health	Bearing Animals	92 Oncology
31 Veterinary Preventive Medicine	43 Extension	93 Aquatic Animal Medicine
	44 Diagnostic Veterinary Medicine	94 Avian Medicine
REG — Regulatory	45 Industrial	95 Ethology
36 Regulatory Veterinary Medicine		
MVM — Military Veterinary Medicine		
50 Military Veterinary Service		

AVMA Professional Activities Summary of Veterinarians Listed In The Directory (As of September 30, 1991)

STATE/PROVINCE/OTHER UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	LA	MP	SA	PM	REG	MVM	OC	UNK	TOTAL
STATES & D.C.									
Alabama	37	270	319	11	26	11	258	19	951
Alaska	2	36	71	0	2	4	21	3	139
Arizona	70	120	446	1	11	7	166	11	832
Arkansas	25	200	142	3	28	3	114	7	522
California	560	592	2,760	34	48	27	1017	116	5,154
Colorado	94	300	544	8	22	7	297	33	1,305
Connecticut	24	112	369	2	3	0	112	11	633
Delaware	18	23	47	0	1	1	46	5	141
District of Columbia	1	4	29	1	5	5	32	2	79
Florida	198	414	1,556	7	31	7	555	53	2,821
Georgia	45	336	576	15	28	12	312	34	1,358
Hawaii	4	29	101	4	6	6	31	8	189
Idaho	42	166	87	1	7	0	52	11	368
Illinois	136	506	1047	8	32	1	371	42	2,143
Indiana	72	345	490	6	21	2	309	35	1,280
Iowa	95	647	192	10	53	6	376	34	1,413
Kansas	45	401	289	5	21	7	285	27	1080
Kentucky	168	309	208	4	12	0	97	27	825
Louisiana	62	222	314	1	15	4	159	9	786
Maine	15	84	128	1	3	2	40	4	277
Maryland	102	164	532	28	80	72	354	36	1,368
Massachusetts	47	152	579	4	3	5	202	31	1,023
Michigan	93	383	882	4	25	4	407	59	1,857
Minnesota	134	459	402	6	32	1	293	42	1,369
Mississippi	13	187	126	3	15	6	93	10	453
Missouri	62	425	499	6	31	4	302	31	1,360
Montana	26	182	49	2	10	4	45	8	326
Nebraska	57	333	122	4	30	1	103	9	659
Nevada	19	46	174	1	5	1	32	4	282
New Hampshire	19	83	134	1	4	1	32	7	281
New Jersey	119	105	688	3	11	6	280	30	1,242
New Mexico	37	117	147	1	13	3	58	8	384
New York	217	478	1,289	8	25	6	487	62	2,572
North Carolina	73	342	620	20	26	11	391	60	1,543
North Dakota	10	93	18	0	7	1	25	3	157
Ohio	114	527	923	13	21	4	409	55	2,066
Oklahoma	83	359	316	7	18	1	134	33	951
Oregon	57	264	331	3	9	0	152	17	833
Pennsylvania	217	422	893	6	30	1	451	77	2,097
Rhode Island	5	16	69	0	1	0	19	6	116
South Carolina	23	137	240	3	8	4	73	15	503
South Dakota	22	173	26	0	7	3	41	4	276
Tennessee	42	334	396	2	14	4	161	17	970
Texas	190	1,160	1,537	48	62	63	628	108	3,796
Utah	19	81	101	3	7	2	55	5	273
Vermont	38	79	70	0	5	0	22	5	219
Virginia	105	290	722	17	45	21	283	50	1,533
Washington	115	311	553	4	16	4	316	56	1,375
West Virginia	15	96	73	1	9	0	19	4	217
Wisconsin	215	553	455	5	22	0	278	64	1,592
Wyoming	8	111	26	1	3	0	26	4	179
Total States & D.C.	4,009	13,578	22,687	326	969	345	10,787	1,411	54,146
Possessions									
Canal Zone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puerto Rico	8	30	42	5	6	0	18	5	114
Virgin Islands	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	2	10
Pacific Islands	0	3	1	0	1	0	3	1	9
TOTAL POSSESSIONS	9	37	46	5	7	0	21	8	133
APO & FPO ADDRESSES									
APO-San Francisco/Seattle	0	1	2	0	2	3	1	0	9
FPO-San Francisco/Seattle	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
APO-New York	0	5	6	5	1	49	5	1	72
FPO-New York	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	7
APO-Miami	0	1	3	1	1	13	2	0	20
FPO-Miami	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	6
TOTAL APO & FPO	0	7	14	6	3	75	8	3	118
TOTAL U.S.A.	4,018	13,622	22,747	337	979	420	10,816	1,422	54,395
CANADA									
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alberta	13	18	8	1	1	0	16	1	58
British Columbia	12	14	28	0	0	0	9	2	65
Manitoba	2	5	3	0	0	0	3	0	13
New Brunswick	2	2	4	0	1	0	4	2	15
Newfoundland	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	2	6	4	1	1	0	5	2	21
Ontario	26	31	50	2	4	0	73	6	192
Prince Edward Island	6	3	6	0	0	0	19	6	40
Quebec	9	4	5	2	0	0	16	0	36
Saskatchewan	4	12	10	0	3	0	26	0	55
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CANADA	78	98	120	6	10	0	171	19	498
OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES	28	39	53	7	2	2	123	10	264
GRAND TOTALS	4,122	13,757	22,920	350	991	422	11,144	1,451	55,157

FORMER VETERINARY MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

(in chronologic order of establishment)

Name and Location	Year established	Year of first graduates	Year closed, merged, suspended	No. of graduates
Veterinary College of Philadelphia	1852	1859	1866	ND
Boston (Mass.) Veterinary Institute	1854	ND	1860	ND
New York College of Veterinary Surgeons (New York City)	1857	1867	1899	291
Veterinary Institute of Chicago (Ill.)	1864	ND	ca 1869	ND
Pennsylvania College of Veterinary Surgeons (Philadelphia)	1866	ND	1870	ND
(See footnote a)				
St. Louis (Mo.) Veterinary College	ca 1875	ND	ca 1875	ND
American Veterinary College (New York, NY)	1875	1876	1899	578
Columbia Veterinary College (New York, NY)	1877	1879	1884	79
Minnesota College Hospital Veterinary College (Minneapolis)	1881	1885	1890	3
Harvard University Veterinary Department (Boston, Mass.)	1882	1886	1902	128
Chicago (Ill.) Veterinary College	1883	1884	1920	2,320
New Jersey Veterinary College (Trenton)	ca 1887	ND	ca 1887	ND
University of South Carolina Division of Veterinary Medicine	1888	1891	1891	1
Baltimore (Md.) University School of Veterinary Medicine	1889	1891	1891	1
Detroit (Mich.) College of Medicine Veterinary Department	1890	1892	1899	35
Iowa Veterinary College (Des Moines)	1890	1892	1894	13
Kansas City (Mo.) Veterinary College	1891	1892	1918	1,857
Kentucky State College Veterinary Department (Lexington)	1891	1894	1895	1
Ohio Veterinary College (Cincinnati)	1891	1892	1896	67
Indiana Veterinary College (Indianapolis)	1892	1893	1924	902
McKillop Veterinary College (Chicago, Ill.)	1894	1897	1920	1,223
National Veterinary College (Washington, D.C.)	1892	1893	1896	50
United States College of Veterinary Surgeons (Washington, D.C.)	1894	1895	1927	419
University of California San Francisco (Calif.) Veterinary College	1895	1897	1899	10
Columbian University Veterinary Department (Washington, D.C.)	1896	ND	1898	12
Grand Rapids (Mich.) Medical College Veterinary Department	1897	1898	1918	572
Western Veterinary College (Kansas City, Mo.)	1897	1898	1908	178
New York University New York—American Veterinary College (New York City)	1899	1900	1913	116
San Francisco (Calif.) Veterinary College	1899	1900	1918	330
Collins Veterinary College (Nashville, Tenn.)	ca 1899	ND	ca 1899	ND
Cincinnati (Ohio) Veterinary College	1900	1903	1920	414
University Veterinary College (Kansas City, Mo.)	1902	1903	1906	53
St. Joseph (Mo.) Veterinary College	1905	1908	1923	421
West Virginia University Veterinary Department (Morgantown)	1905	1910	1912	4
George Washington University College of Veterinary Medicine (Washington, D.C.)	1908	1911	1918	100
Terre Haute (Ind.) Veterinary College	1909	1911	1918	145
Southwestern Veterinary College (Dallas, Texas)	1909	1912	1916	21
Arkansas Veterinary College (Fayetteville)	1913	ND	1921	25
New York University New York State Veterinary College (New York City)	1913	ND	1922	71
University of Georgia State College of Agriculture Division of Veterinary Medicine (Athens)	1918	1921	1933	70
Middlesex University School of Veterinary Medicine (Waltham, Mass.)	1938	ND	1947	243

Cornell University (Ithaca, NY) which granted degrees to 4 persons between 1871 and 1885.

ND = not determined

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